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a. In comparison with the last report on the order of battle situation of Soviet forces

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no decisive change in the over-all situation of Soviet occupation forces in Europe.

b. The following information, extracted from this report which summarizes salient data [redacted] characterizes the substantial changes that took place:

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(1) Recruits arrived in the Soviet Zone of Germany and Austria and in western Hungary during the late summer of 1949.

(2) Some units have returned from maneuvers in the Soviet Zone of Germany to their previous military posts since late August 1949. The maneuver period at the troop training grounds is expected to end in early October 1949.

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(4) Soviet troops from the Soviet Union allegedly arrived in the Hungarian-Yugoslav-Rumanian border area. (There were one or two armored divisions [redacted])

[redacted] 50X1-HUM

c. None of the changes observed is alarming. Even if the Soviets reinforced their forces in the area facing the Yugoslav border by one or two divisions, it is not believed to indicate that they are planning military actions against Tito-Yugoslavia in the near future.

## 2. Soviet Zone of Germany

### a. General

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(2) More than fifty independent units were either confirmed or newly identified by precise data [redacted]

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[redacted] which permits the identification of units (see par. 2,b).

(3) The attached list gives detailed data on the "Soviet Order of Battle Germany as of mid-September 1949" (all definitely identified units are listed therein, itemized as follows: unit, location, [redacted])

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[redacted] commanding officer [redacted]

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### b. Order of Battle Highlights

(1) [redacted] independent units of the Group of Occupation Forces Germany (GOFG)

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#### (a) GHQ Units of the GOFG:

306th Gds AAA Regt [redacted] in POTSDAM until 6 August 1949.

[redacted] 50X1-HUM

#### (b) Eighth Gds Army

Hq 38th AT Brig [redacted] in ALZEBURG until 4 August 1949

[redacted] 50X1-HUM

19th Indep Gds Engr Bn [redacted] in WEIMAR until 7 August 1949

578th AT arty Regt [redacted] in GERA until 20 July 1949

880th Engr Bn [redacted] in GERA until 22 August 1949

Hq 39th Gds Itz Rifle Div [redacted] in RUDOLSTADT until 20 August 1949

Hq 20th Gds Recz Div [redacted] in JENA until 15 August 1949

65th Gds Recz Regt [redacted] in WEIMAR-NOHRA until 15 August 1949

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67th Gds Mecz Regt [ ] in ZEITZ until 50X1-HUM  
 15 August 1949  
 Hq 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div [ ] in NAUMBURG  
 until 25 July 1949  
 Hq 21st Gds Mecz Div [ ] in HALLE until  
 16 August 1949.

## (c) Third Shock Army

Hq 19th Gds Mecz Div [ ] in WUENSODORF until 50X1-HUM  
 10 September 1949  
 63rd Gds Mecz Regt [ ] in ZOSSEN-WUENSODORF until  
 February 1949  
 64th Gds Mecz Regt [ ] in WUENSODORF until  
 February 1949  
 153rd Gds Hv Tank SP Regt in ZOSSEN until February 1949  
 573rd Mort Regt in WUENSODORF until February 1949  
 Hq 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div [ ] in SCHMERIN until  
 10 September 1949 50X1-HUM  
 288th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt, [ ] in WISMAR until  
 10 September 1949

## (d) First Gds Mecz Army

1st Gds Tank Regt [ ] in BORNA-BRANDIS until 50X1-HUM  
 31 August 1949  
 64th Gds Hv Tank Regt [ ] in LEISNIG until  
 12 August 1949  
 19th Gds Mecz Regt [ ] in CHEMNITZ or TAUCHA 50X1-HUM  
 until 9 August 1949  
 Hq 9th Tank Div [ ] in RIESSA until 14 August 1949  
 8th Mtz Rifle Regt [ ] in OSCHATZ-RIESSA until  
 August 1949  
 23rd Tank Regt [ ] CO Lt Col  
 MOROZOV, in OSCHATZ until August 1949  
 70th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt [ ] in RIESSA or 50X1-HUM  
 OSCHATZ until August 1949.

## (e) Second Gds Mecz Army

413th Indep Pon Bridge Bn in NEUBRANDENBURG until  
 August 1949  
 180th Field Hospital [ ] in GUESTROW until 50X1-HUM  
 10 September 1949  
 47th Gds Tank Regt [ ] in NEUSTRELITZ area until  
 11 July 1949  
 126th Gds Rocket Bn [ ] in NEUSTRELITZ until  
 12 July 1949  
 411th Signal Bn, [ ] in NEUSTRELITZ until  
 12 July 1949  
 34th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt [ ] in NEURUPPIN until  
 24 August 1949  
 66th Gds Tank Regt [ ] in NEURUPPIN until  
 10 January 1949  
 Hq 1st Mecz Div [ ] in DOEBERITZ until  
 12 August 1949

## (f) Third Gds Mecz Army (Cadre)

Army Hq in LUCKENWALDE until end of July 1949

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470th AAA Regt (Cadre) [redacted] in JUSTERBOG area until March 1949 and CO Col LEBEDEV 50X1-HUM

Hq 6th Gds Tank Div (Cadre) [redacted] in WITTENBERG until 9 September 1949 50X1-HUM

51st Gds Tank Regt (Cadre) [redacted] in area WITTENBERG until 7 September 1949

53rd Gds Tank Regt (Cadre) [redacted] in area WITTENBERG until 7 September 1949 50X1-HUM

1645th (?) AT Arty Regt (Cadre) [redacted] in area WITTENBERG until 7 September 1949 50X1-HUM

5th Hvy SP Arty Regt (Cadre), in JUSTERBOG area until November 1948

Hq 9th Mecz Div (Cadre) [redacted] in COTTBUS until 4 August 1949 . 50X1-HUM

(g) Fourth Gds Mecz Army (Cadre)

53rd Mtel Bn (Cadre) [redacted] in SACHSELNHAUSEN until 13 August 1949 50X1-HUM

Hq 7th Gds Mecz Div (Cadre) [redacted] in FUERSTENWALDE until 15 August 1949

(2) The following units of the GDFG were newly identified by reliable data contained in reports received from 10 September to 10 October 1949:

25th Mort (or RL) Brig [redacted] in BRANDENBURG until August 1949 50X1-HUM

115th Hvy Arty Regt [redacted] in SCHWEDT until May 1949

120th Mtel Bn [redacted] in PARCHEL (?) until July 1949

368th (Gds?) Arty Regt (Cadre) [redacted] in JUSTERBOG until 26 March 1949 50X1-HUM

52d Gds Tank Regt (Cadre) [redacted] in WITTENBERG area until 7 September 1949

272d Gds Mort Regt (Cadre) [redacted] in WITTENBERG area until 7 September 1949

82d Engr Bn (Cadre) [redacted] not located until 25 August 1949

248th Gds Mort Bn (Cadre) [redacted] in KRAEPNITZ until beginning of August 1949.

c. Maneuvers and Training

(1) [redacted] most of the Soviet troop units were still at the known troop training grounds the second half of September 1949. However, a few units have been observed to have returned to their previous military posts since early September 1949. 50X1-HUM

[redacted] the training period at the troop training grounds will be generally completed by the first half of October 1949. 50X1-HUM

(2) [redacted] no large-scale maneuvers with several divisions of different armies participating were conducted up to the second half of September 1949. It is assumed that the Soviet maneuvers in September 1949 were conducted at division level, with some being held at corps level. Some large-scale command post exercises (at army level) were also presumably held, the one in the BURG-MAGDEBURG area, held in early August 1949, being an example. Detailed information on these exercises (such as purpose, conduct and strength of troops participating) could not be secured since the maneuver grounds were strictly off limits.

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a report stating that large-scale maneuvers were to be conducted in Thuringia from 10 September to 25 October 1949 has not yet been substantiated.

(3) The known training areas in the respective army areas were confirmed [redacted] Only in exceptional cases were they occupied by troops coming from other army areas [redacted]

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It is assumed from previous information that the following troop training grounds are suitable for large-scale maneuvers (at army level):

BIERNACH-CHERDRUF  
Letzling Heath  
MITTSTOCK-ZECHLIN-Lake Mueritz  
TEMPLIN  
JUSTERBOG-WERDER  
KORNICHBROCK.

These training areas were used in August 1949 and September 1949 for simultaneous maneuvers by units of more than one division.

(4) The special exercises of antiaircraft artillery units at the Letzling Heath, in which almost all antiaircraft artillery units stationed in the Soviet Zone of Germany participated, were completed in September 1949, but the ALBERTSBOW artillery exercises were apparently still in progress in early September 1949.

Special exercises of engineer units were, as during the preceding year, held within the respective army areas (e.g. the Eight Gas Army engineer units trained in the BAD KOESEN area).

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#### d. Personnel

(1) [redacted] new recruits from the Soviet Union arrived in the Soviet Zone of Germany in the late summer of 1949. [redacted]

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[redacted] while the combat units were still absent on maneuvers.

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The recruits who arrived in the Soviet Zone of Germany are believed to have been of the 1928 and 1929 classes and to have been inducted in the Soviet Union in April and May 1949. [redacted]

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(2) No recent information is available concerning older troops leaving Germany for the Soviet Union for demobilization [redacted]

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[redacted] eleven SU-bound trains with troops left the Soviet Zone of Germany via KUESTRIN alone between 11 July and 8 August 1949.

(3) On the whole, the personnel strength of the Soviet occupation forces in Germany in early October 1949 reached a height which has not been observed since the spring of 1947. The Soviet troops can be classified as follows:

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- (a) Trained personnel, including older troops who are presumably due for discharge after the maneuvers at the troop training grounds are completed.
- (b) Recruits who arrived in the Soviet Zone of Germany in early 1949 and who have been included in the combat units since the early summer of 1949 and moved with them to the troop training grounds.
- (c) Recruits who arrived in the Soviet Zone of Germany in the summer of 1949 and who, forming separate recruit units, are now trained in military posts or training camps.
- (4) The personnel now in active service are believed to belong to the following classes:
- (a) In the Soviet Union: About 70 percent of the 1929 class has been inducted. It is believed that the remaining men of the 1929 class and two thirds of the 1930 class will be inducted in two phases (one in the fall of 1949 and one in the spring of 1950) up to the summer of 1950. No information on the discharge of the 1926 class is yet available.
- (b) In the Soviet-occupied countries: Most of the recruits who arrived in early 1949 still belong to the 1928 class, whereas 80 percent of the recruits who arrived in the late summer of 1949 are believed to belong to that of 1929. All EM of the 1925 class will presumably be demobilized upon completion of the maneuvers. It is not yet known whether or not most of the EM of the 1926 class will also be discharged in the fall of 1949.

The EM in the Soviet-occupied countries are apparently at least six months older than the EM in the Soviet Union.

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g. Evacuation of Soviet Dependents

With the exception of women (with children) who worked as employees in the Soviet Zone of Germany, all Soviet families

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were allegedly to be returned to the Soviet Union by the end of September 1949.

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the evacuation of Soviet dependents to the Soviet Union, which was started in late 1947, was intensified in the summer of 1949. From experience it is not believed, however, that all children and non-working women will return to the Soviet Union in the near future.

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i. Soviet Zone German Police

(1) The following figures are believed to represent the minimum strength of the Soviet Zone police categories:

- (a) Kaserned police: 100,000 \*\*\*
- (b) Border police: 40,000
- (c) Other police categories: 40,000

(2) An increase in police strength has been observed in all police posts in the Soviet Zone of Germany. Most of the new personnel are now being given basic training.

(3) Some border police units have been transferred to the "kaserned police."

(4) [redacted] civilian houses were requisitioned as quarters for the "kaserned police" units. 50X1-HUM

(5) Frequent newspaper reports on Soviet Zone police units going to the Balkans have not been confirmed.

(6) The entire Soviet Zone German police is now being re-organized. Although the exact organizational structure of the future Soviet Zone police is not yet discernible, there are indications that the previous police units will be converted into militarily organized units which will no longer perform any technical police duty.

k. LVD Units

(1) [redacted] the LVD troops stationed in the Saxon mining district were recently reinforced or augmented by new units. 50X1-HUM 50X1-HUM

(2) The observation in the Saxon mining district of an LVD unit [redacted] belonging to [redacted] the First was [redacted] Army appears to be of particular importance. 50X1-HUM

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The LVD unit concerned may be an LVD regiment directly assigned to the Hq of the First Gds Recz Army. This assumption gains in probability as it is known from World War II experience that one LVD regiment was an organic component of each army.

Besides the LVD unit mentioned, previously known LVD units

[redacted] were still observed in the uranium mining district.

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(3) Similar observations were made in the DREDEM area, while the kaserno on Nordallee was still occupied by LVD units.

[redacted] an LVD unit [redacted] has been observed in KLOTZSCHE (N 52/E 29) since July 1949.

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No inferences as to the unit's subordination are yet possible. [redacted] the KLOTZSCHE LVD unit [redacted] number about 500 men.

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(4) The occupation of the HALLB Reil Kaserno has apparently decreased recently. The troops in this kaserno were estimated at 400 and 500 during the first half of 1949, but recently only 150 to 200 troops were seen there. Some of the troops apparently moved to the uranium mining district.

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### 3. Soviet Zone of Austria

#### a. General Situation

The reports on hand generally confirm the previously known military posts and quartering areas of the Soviet occupation forces in Austria up to mid-September 1949.

#### b. Maneuvers

Most of the Soviet units were still at the troop training grounds the first half of September 1949, as indicated by information regarding numerous military posts in the Soviet Zone of Austria. Numerous component units of both the 95th Gds Ritz Rifle Div and the 13th Gds Rocz Div were still in [redacted] at least to the end of August 1949.

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[redacted] A 9-mile section of the Danube River, between TULLN and KREMS, was blocked to navigation because of firing practice held between the beginning and the end of September 1949, as was learned by radio. It can be inferred that large-scale maneuvers were held in the Danube River area northwest of VIENNA during that period. [redacted] "tank maneuvers in Austria" on 7 September 1949. Large-scale field exercises were also held in the [redacted] area in 1948.

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#### c. Soviet Troops Withdrawn to the Area Facing the Yugoslav Border?

[redacted] the 13th Gds Rocz Div and component units of the 17th Gds Rocz Div were allegedly shifted from the VAIPALOTA-HAYMANSKER training area, western Hungary, to the area facing the Yugoslav border in late August 1949. Component units of the 17th Gds Rocz Div may have been moved to the area near the Yugoslav border. It is considered highly improbable that component units of the 13th Gds Rocz Div should also have been transferred to that area.

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#### d. Personnel

The arrival of recruits from the Soviet Union was observed in several military posts in the late summer of 1949 (early September 1949 - see para 2.d).

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4. Hungary

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[redacted] in August and September 1949, Soviet units were shifted to eastern Hungary, where no Soviet combat units had been located for about the past two years. [redacted]

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a. Most of the Soviet units shifted to the Hungarian-Yugoslav border area between ORACS and the Rumanian border (about two armored divisions) had arrived from Rumania in late August 1949. The units appear to be concentrated in the SZEGED area. They receive supplies and probably reinforcements from western Rumania (Banat), where most of the remaining Soviet troops stationed in Rumania seem to be concentrated.

b. It is possible that some motorized units (reported to total about one mechanized division) may have been transferred from the Carpatho-Ukraine via BUCHARY to the Hungarian-Yugoslav border area between the Danube and Tisza rivers in August 1949. These units were said to have been detained in the areas of TOLICS, BAJA and SZEGED [redacted]

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c. It appears quite possible that the component units of the 17th Gds Mecz Div, which have been concentrated for maneuvers in the BALUTSKA-VEREJLOTA area since the spring of 1949, were moved to the Hungarian-Yugoslav border area south of Lake Balaton about the end of August 1949. [redacted]

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[redacted] no noticeable changes were observed in the BUDAPEST-ROESSING-GYOR billeting area of the 17th Gds Mecz Div, western Hungary, up to September 1949. Near details of the component units of the 17th Gds Mecz Div have been observed in the military posts concerned since the spring of 1949. Recruits from the Soviet Union have arrived in the military posts mentioned and have been trained in separate units since August 1949 (as was observed in the Soviet zones of Germany and Austria).

5. Rumania (see para 4)

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[redacted] estimate of the situation of Soviet forces in Rumania since mid-August 1949:

a. Most of the Soviet troops stationed in Little Wallachia (i.e., the 3d Gds Mecz Div) started moving by rail and road through the Banat to southeastern Hungary in mid-August 1949. Near details remained in military posts in the CRAIOVA-CAPACAL-STATINA area.

b. Part of the other Soviet forces long stationed in Rumania (i.e., one mechanized division, one tank division and GUM units) were shifted from southeastern Rumania to the Banat in late August and early September 1949. Most of these troops are believed to have been concentrated in the BRAD-BITISOARA area in early September 1949; some of them may have proceeded to Hungary (SZEGED area?).

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c. [redacted] additional Soviet armored units were allegedly transferred from the Soviet Union via JABO to the area of ARAD, Rumania, in late August 1949. [redacted] troops and materiel on nineteen trains, which would amount to about one under-strength mechanized division.

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d. [redacted] numerous Soviet military trains were allegedly run from the Dobruja to Bulgaria in early September 1949. It is considered highly improbable that Soviet combat units should have been transferred to Bulgaria on the reported trains.

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e. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

(1) The Hq of the Soviet occupation forces in Rumania (allegedly commanded by Marshal GOLBUKHIN (?)) was allegedly moved from CONSTANTA to GELATI in late August 1949.

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(2) Artillery units, regarded as "new troops" [redacted] arrived in CONSTANTA on 17 September 1949. However, [redacted] the units concerned have long been stationed in the CONSTANTA area and were presumably returning from maneuvers in September 1949.

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This information (and the fact that troops which departed from Little Wallachia left rear details and quartering equipment in their military posts) may support the assumption that not all Soviet forces in Rumania participated in the "strategic concentration" in the area facing the Yugoslav border.

## 6. Poland and Polish-Occupied Territory of Eastern Germany

### a. General

(1) Available information from Poland and the Polish-occupied territory of eastern Germany obtained during recent weeks, covers the period up to early September 1949. Apparently there have been no major changes in the strength of the Soviet occupation troops in that area [redacted]

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(2) The LIECHTEN Hq of the Northern Group of Forces was confirmed up to September 1949 [redacted]

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### b. Pomerania

(1) [redacted] 50X1-HUM

It is still assumed that no tank units are stationed in that area. The Soviet troops from the BILGARD and LOEBLIN military posts are believed to have held their 1949 summer maneuvers near their posts and not at the GROSS-BORN troop training grounds.

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(2) [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] The connections possibly existing between the

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the units in the mentioned areas of the Soviet Zone of Germany and the SPERRIT units could not yet be ascertained. It is still assumed that only a few small Soviet units are stationed in SPERRIT, guarding storage sites in the harbor and controlling the Polish line of demarkation.

c. Silesia

(1) Available information from Silesia does not permit the identification of units, nor can it be stated whether the Soviet Army units in Silesia (as those in Pomerania) held their 1949 summer exercises at troop training grounds (as the units in the Soviet Zones of Germany and Austria and in Hungary did). [redacted] up to February 1949 no preparations for the quartering of maneuver units had been made at the troop training grounds of NEUBRANDENBURG.

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(2) [redacted] the following towns were occupied by Soviet troops in September 1949:

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BRIEG  
SCHNEIDLITZ  
WOLLAU  
LIEGHITZ

BUNDELAU and environs  
GOLDBERG  
LAUBAN  
SAGAN

[redacted] the Soviet forces in Silesia at 40,000.

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(3) [redacted] Soviet repair installations in the BRESLAU area, [redacted] are allegedly assigned to the LIEGHITZ Hq of the Northern Group of Forces.

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(4) [redacted] departure of Soviet dependents from LIEGHITZ [redacted] in early September 1949. Corresponding observations were made in all parts of the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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d. Poland Proper

[redacted] numerous Soviet guns were stored in LODZ at that time.

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7. Soviet Union

a. The evaluation of Soviet newspapers [redacted]

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[redacted] yielded the following data on important changes in the command of military academies:

(1) A report covering the graduation ceremony at the "Lenin" Military-Political Academy mentioned Genpolk VIKTOR as academy commandant on 30 August 1949. Genpolk VIKTOR had been relieved as chief of the Main Political Administration of the Armed Forces by Genpolk S.F. KUSHNETSOV in the spring of 1949.

(2) Genleit of Tank Troops and Hero of the Soviet Union V.D. VASILYEV was reported to be commandant of the "Stalin" Academy for Tank and Mechanized Troops, "POBOD", on 25 August 1949. Genleit V.D. VASILYEV was last mentioned in a newspaper report covering the "POBOD" celebrations on "Tank and Mechanized Troops Day" on 18 September 1949.

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Genleit VERKHININ was formerly carried as commandant of the "Stalin" Academy for Tank and Mechanized Troops (last confirmed in May 1947).

b. The following officers were confirmed as commanders-in-chief of military districts by the evaluation of Soviet newspapers:

(1) GenMay Y. KH. BAGRAMYAN as CinC of the Baltic MD (14 July 1949).

(2) Genpolk M.M. POPOV as CinC of the Tauric MD (21 July 1949).

(3) Genpolk YUSHEVICH as CinC of the Volga MD (16 August 1949).

c. [redacted] a 50X1-HUM  
73rd Inf Regt of the 25th Inf Div was located in GUTTENBERG, East Prussia. [redacted] the regiment concerned can only have been the 73rd Gds Rifle Regt of the 25th Gds Rifle Div, on which no information has been available since April 1949. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

\*\*\* [redacted] Comment: This estimate is believed to be grossly exaggerated.

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